







God and Marriage

- · There are depths of God's character that are revealed in
- · As we zoom in on our marriage, we learn about God as well.

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God and Marriage: Learning Learning begins with a mindset of Curiosity curiosity. This curiosity leads to questions. Questions These questions push us to learn. Consider Jacob -"...Surely the Lord is in this place, and I Learning knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful [is] this place!..." Gen 28:16-17

- · The intimacy of the marriage relationship exposes questions. The clearer the mirror the better the view. Our mirror becomes clear as deep love allows us to confront our fears. God & **Marriage:**
- The Mirror "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love

him, because he first loved us." - 1John 4:18-19



Go Back to Go Forward

- · We must be willing to confront our behavior and even our past in order to go deeper.
 - What root issues are you willing to expose?
- Consider the hard work of repentance.
 - · How can we support our spouses in this wrestling?

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day...And he said unto him, What [is] thy name? And he said, Jacob." - Gen 32:24, 27

Go Back to Go Forward: Your **Shadow**

A clear mirror can expose our shadow:

 untamed emotions, less-than-pure motives and thoughts that, while largely unconscious, strongly influence and shape your behaviors.

Seeing your shadow:

- 1. Face your feelings.
 - · What am I feeling?
 - When do I sense these feelings?
- 2. Explore what lies behind your feelings.
 - What am I afraid of?
 - Where did this thinking come from?
- 3. Lovingly help each other as spouses.

Go Back to Go Forward: **Knowing God**

- How well do we know who God is?
 - · As we go back, we often see the Lord in a different light.
 - · Let His Light overshadow our shadow.
 - And see ourselves more clearly for who we are

"And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God...and God appeared unto Jacob again...and called his name Israel." Gen. 35:1, 9-10

The Faithfulness of God

- God remains faithful to His promises.
 - As you grow in your knowledge of his faithfulness, your marriage will reflect this same faithfulness.

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Go Back - Your Shadow · Think through 2 areas of your Shadow:

2.

Self & Couple Reflection

Go Forward - God's **Faithfulness**

- In these shadows, how has God shown himself faithful:

Consider the impact on your marriage:

2.